St. John's Vernisaj (Market Place) Our Shops

<u>Trends in Fashion, Judy Latimer</u>- Women's Clothing <u>Kate Collection, Katie Nowak</u> - Fashion Jewelry <u>Love a Little Glitz, Sally Warner</u>- Glamorous Accessories <u>Zabel Belian</u> - Handmade Ceramics

Levon Kafafian – A CCS Student in Fiber Annex & founder of Detroit Fiber Annex; demonstrating weaving techniques & selling handwoven goods made in Detroit.

Nayiri Karapetian, Armen Barseghyan-Armenian Painted Items

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yeshiem, Khatchig Kafafian-customized Armenian Gift Items

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Franklin Village Boutique, Jane Roberts- Women's Clothing & Accessories

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No Butter for Nama - Handmade Headbands, Greeting Cards

Midge Davidson – Semi Precious Stones

Hye Tour Travel Agency & Marlenka - Armenian Sweets



We extend our heartfelt and deep profound appreciation...

To Father Garabed, Father Diran, Our Deacons of St Johns, Komitas Choir under the Direction of Deacon Rubik Mailian, and The Church School

John Yavruian George and Denise Boyagian Anne Roden Ed and Mary Bedikian Jeffrey and Renee Axt Hachigian Family Santourian Family Paul Yousoufian Stephen and Lisa Derderian Souren and Virginia Keoleian Walter & Armen Mary Negosian John and Kim Kalajian Dan and Judy Cristiano Ken Khezarjian Drs. Hashim & Mary Alani

We will not forget

All the volunteers who have dedicated their time and talents to God and his Church and who have supported each other in this time of celebration, Thank You.

There is still time to be added to these pages. The list will be put on the big screen on stage all weekend long with any new people that sign up \$10 per page.



In recognition of devoted service to their church, We salute the Women's Guild of St. John Armenian Church

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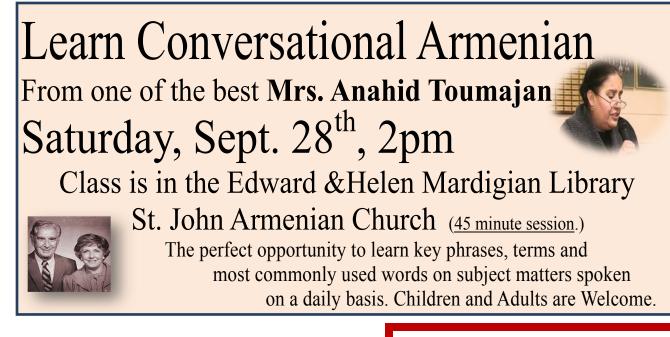
their passion To grow and bond with each other in God's spirit. Arick Kasper Stephen and Lisa Derderian Souren and Virginia Keoleian Walter & Armen Mary Negosian John and Kim Kalajian Dan and Judy Cristiano Ken Khezarjian Drs. Hashim & Mary Alani



We would like to extend our gratitude to all those who have so generously given of their time, financial support and efforts. Your devotion has helped inspire us all.

The following individuals and or families have made generous donations in support of this year's festival:

- Petting Zoo Anonymous
- Willie Wonka Event Elizbeth Aprahamian -Between \$1,000.00 and \$5,000.00
- Brochure John Yavruian -Between \$1,000.00 and \$5,000.00
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<u>Daycare Service</u>

Located in Rec Center Gymnasium Beginning after 2 pm on Saturday, Sept 28th

Overseen by Moms, Dads and our teens of St. John's.

Movies, activities and a resting place for the tired ones.

We ask for a free will offering that will go to our teens participating.

Days and Hours Available Friday, Sept. 27th 6pm to 9pm Saturday, Sept. 28th 2pm to 8pm

For Questions Call: Kim Kalajian 734- 788-6767

Paraprosdokíans:

Are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous. (Winston Churchill loved them) Enjoy!

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.

Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.

War does not determine who is right - only who is left.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

Main Menu / Specialty Foods

This will help you appreciate vour dinner tonight:

 Beginning in June Sunday mornings, Monday mornings, many Monday nights, every Tuesday and Wednesday coming to church to order, prep, bake and organize the food for Festival week

2) Seeing some of the men of our Church joining in is very encouraging, watching kids from the age of 8 to women in their 90s and everyone in between working together to prepare 25,000 pieces of mezzeh and baked goods

Over 5,500 hours of work preparing special Armenian dishes. If all of our volunteers were paid minimum wage, the cost for labor would be

\$41.250

Our volunteers are more like "skilled trades"; how about

\$75,000!!!

Approximately 2,000 kebobs and over 300 pounds of pilaf are prepared every year for the

Shish Marinade (30 lbs meat) 2 cups corn oil, ¼ cup oregano, ¼ cup paprika, 1/8 cup onion powder, 1/8 cup ground pepper,

1/8 cup salt, 1/8 cup garlic powder

Did you know:

Festival.

Hot & Cold Mezzeh

Kharpert Kufteh, Sou Beoreg, Meat Beoreg, Spinach Beoreg Lahmajoon, Yahlanche, Vospov Kufteh

Armenian Delicacies

Cheoreg, large & small, Khalkha, Khadayif with nuts or cream, Bourma, Katah, Kurabia, Rice Pudding & many other Parag Hatz (Lavash), homemade desserts

Dinners

Lamb, Chicken & Luleh Kebob served with Salad, Bulghur or Rice Pilaf





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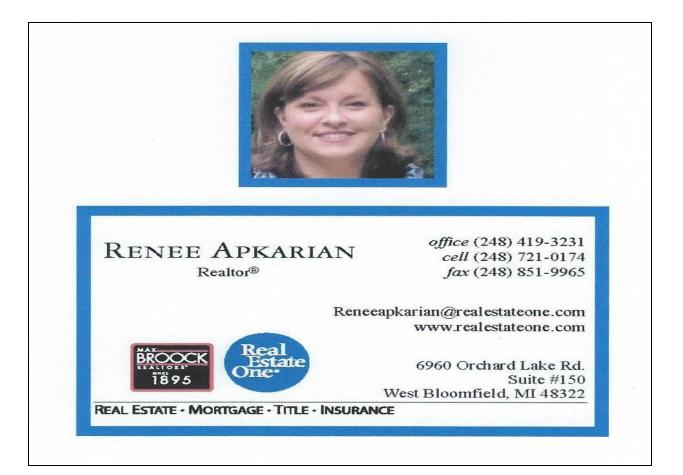
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"Genatzut!" (enjoy yourself!)

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<u>Don't</u> stand in long lines for your dinner!!!

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Premier Dining Package for 8, Served Family Style Menu adjusted to accommodate 6 or 10 guests

Substitutions upon request will be charged accordingly

Menu

- Mezza: 8 Kharpert Kufteh, 8 half pieces Sou Beoreg, 8 half Spinach Pies, 8 wedges Lahmajoon, 12 Yahlanchi, 12 Vospov Kufteh
- **Dinner:** Salad, Bread, Rice & Bulgar Pilaf, 6 half skewers Shish Kebob, 6 half skewers Chicken Kebob, 6 half skewers Luleh Kebob

Dessert: 16 bite size pastries, Pop and Coffee **\$35.00 per person inclusive package (**Plus tip your parish server)

Reservation Form (Verbal reservations must be made in advan							
Name of Reservation:							
Phone Number:	Email Address:						
Reservation Day:	Time:	Number of People:	7				

Bazaar Weekend



This Year's **Country Store** & Café

All Homemade Yahlanchi, Vospov Kufteh, Hummus, Tabouli, Bean Salad Eetch, Eggplant Salad Chee Kufteh



Homemade Manti **Geragoor & Pilaf** Homemade Madzoon

Saturday and Sunday Morning Special Basterma or Soujoukh and Eggs 12 noon -2pm \$4.00



Whole & Sliced Basterma Kalmata Olives Soujoukh, Hard Salami **Basterma Sandwiches** Brick, String & Muenster Cheeses

Fresh Breads Pita, Peda, Lavash **Basil Loaf**

Snacks and Sweets Mixed Nuts, Candied Nuts, **Pistachios, Specialty Candies** Chilled Tahn

Tayloo Boards, Dumbag

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Strawberry Preserves

Don't forget the Tin Can Raffle

This year's

Pomegranate Martini, Armenian Jello Shots Check Out the" Girlie Girl" Drinks That means you guys

Hye-Bar

Sunday: Armenian Mimosa & Bloody Mary Specials A full bar, late night snacks, Tavloo boards TV for the games

Friday 5:30 pm—Midnight Saturday 12 noon—Midnight Sunday 12:45pm—4:30 pm Chaired by Patricia and Robert Magee

Tavloo Tournament



Sunday 1:30 pm Final Games - Main Hall The winner will receive a new

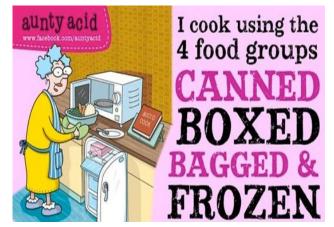
Tavloo Board and have his/her name engraved on the Tavloo Plaque

\$20.00 Registration fee

To register or for questions contact Ara Belian at

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Best Wishes for a successful Festival from the TLC. Cute stories and cartoons compliments of Tuesday Lunch Club





HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?



<u>Note:</u> Items will be accepted up to Wednesday, Sept. 25th Sorry No Clothing accepted!!! Grandma's Annex: Books and Art, room 107 Grandpa's Corner: Electronics and sports Holiday Corner: Decorations for different holidays Grandma's Treasures: Special items that are of greater value

The things you take for granted someone else is praying for.

Armenian Expressions, idioms, Phrases and Sayings

When you pick up the stick, the robber dog knows. Guilty people are always on guard, looking over their shoulder.	One will take someone to the spring and bring them back thirsty. <u>A very cunning person.</u>		
Lies have short feet (or memory).	Spring will not come with one flower.		
<u>A lie cannot get too far; the truth will come out</u> .	One needs more than one indication to draw conclusions.		
One hand will not clap.	What is the connection with Alexander's mustache?		
<u>Reference to the effectiveness of cooperation</u>	<u>About lack of communication or when</u>		
<u>among people, to do good or evil.</u>	<u>the problem and solution don't match.</u>		
The sun won't stay behind the cloud.	Measure seven times; cut once.		
<u>There's always hope</u> .	<u>Think thoroughly before you act.</u>		
One idiot throws a stone in the well, and it takes	She tells the Sun, "Don't rise. I've come out!"		
<u>a hundred wise men to (try to) get it out</u> .	<u>She's so beautiful!</u>		
With a soft tongue, you can pull a snake out of its nest.	Hears it from this ear, throws it out through the other. Said about those who won't listen to good advice.		
However much fruit a tree bears, it humbles its	The mouse couldn't fit through the hole,		
head that much more.	and then it tied a broom to its tail.		
<u>The more wisdom one acquires,</u>	<u>Refers to people who take on more</u>		
<u>the more humble they become</u> .	<u>responsibilities than they can handle.</u>		
They tried to fix the eyebrow and ended up	When the axe came to the forest (to cut down the trees),		
blinding the eye, too.	the trees said: The handle is one of us.		
<u>Instead of fixing the problem, they made it worse</u> .	<u>There is no one to blame but ourselves.</u>		

Our Men, Women & Youth that Make it Happen

Every year faithful Armenian Organizations work hard to make "Festival Weekend" a time for celebration, joy, and revitalization of our faith and culture. We thank you for your dedication. The following information gives you an overview about these groups:

Evereg-Fenesse Educational Society



The Evereg-Fenesse Educational Society is observing its 132nd Anniversary in 2011. The Evereg-Fenesse Educational Society actively remains to this day with chapters in Detroit, New York, Los Angeles, and Beirut, Lebanon, continuing to raise funds and supporting Armenian education as well as secondary college for Armenian - American descendents of Evereg-Fenesse families.

This group has volunteered to grill Kebobs.

Tekeyan Cultural Association



The Association was founded in 1947 in Beirut, Lebanon and is named after the famous Armenian poet Vahan Tekeyan. The TCA operates in 17 countries with chapters, cultural and social centers, schools, weekly & periodical newspapers, radio and TV. **This group has volunteered to grill Kebobs.**



The ADL was established in the Ottoman Empire in 1885 as an Armenian political party in Armenia and the Armenian Diaspora including the Middle East, Europe, the Americas and Australia. **This group has volunteered to grill Kebobs.**

Knights and Daughters of Vartan



The Knights of Vartan (Vartanantz Asbedner) is an Armenian fraternal service organization established in 1916 to encourage its members to assume leadership roles in cultural, educational, religious and charitable organizations and activities on the local, national and international level for the betterment of the Armenian nation worldwide. **This group has volunteered to grill Kebobs.**



The Daughters of Vartan is an Armenian Sisterhood associated with the Knights of Vartan. Organized in 1933, the Daughters of Vartan is an organization of women whose principles are based on Christian morality and good conduct.

This group has volunteered to support Grandma's Attic.

Cultural Society of Armenians from Istanbul (CSAI)



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Serving for the Armenian Culture

The Cultural Society of Armenians from Istanbul (CSAI) was founded in February 1964 by a few Armenian newcomers from Istanbul. The main objective was to maintain Armenian culture and language with lectures, concerts, choral and theatrical presentations, and a literary publication in the Metropolitan Detroit community. This group has volunteered to sponsor the Texas Hold'Em Night.

Bazaar Weekend



It's Going to be Scrmdidlyumptious!

Tyler Ekizian - 11 am Magician & Card Specialist Saturday, September 28th 11am -2pm Veterans' Ballroom Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory Interactive Movie, Lunch & Willy Wonka's Candy Experience

Specialist \$10.00 Adults and \$5.00 for Children under 12 <u>Send your ticket with payment to:</u> Mr. Willy Wonka Care of: Heidi Aprahamian 40484 Coachwood Circle, Northville MI 48168-3274 For Questions Call Heidi at: 248-924-2638

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St. John Armenian Church Decals Everyone should have at least one of these



Two decals for \$5; you can find them at the

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark ?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected: frequently humorous.

War does not determine who is right - only who is left.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

In filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, Notify:' I put 'Doctor'.

Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

Hunger is a cruel master. September 27th-29th

Collection bins for canned goods will be in place during the Festival. Which Sunday School Class will bring in the most cans of food ?

Church School (Roseann Attar)

Facts about Forgotten Harvest

In fiscal year 2011 – 2012, Forgotten Harvest became <u>America's</u> <u>largest food rescue by rescuing a record 42 million pounds of food.</u> Forgotten Harvest rescues food by collecting surplus, prepared and perishable food from a variety of sources such as grocery stores, restaurants, caterers, dairies, farmers, wholesale food distributors, and other Health Department-approved sources. This donated food – that would otherwise go to waste – is delivered free of charge to emergency food providers throughout metro Detroit.

 Forgotten Harvest currently transports, on average, more than 3,000,000 pounds of rescued food each month to soup kitchens, pantries & shelters. In FY 2011-2012 we rescued over 42 million pounds of food. According to food industry standards,1# of food =1 meal, so this is the equivalent of more than 42 million meals per year.

 We are proud to report that over <u>93% of the organization's</u> <u>expenditures</u> were for food program services (est: FY 2010-2011).

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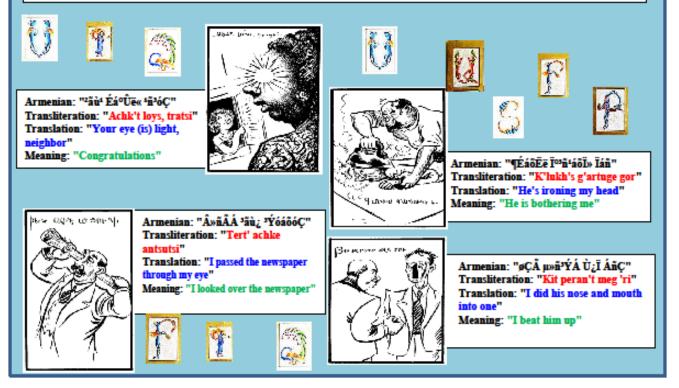
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One pint could help save up to 3 lives!!!

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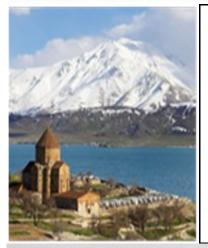
To help save a life Please Call: Ruth Pinto-Cieslak at 248-542-2919 or Diane Khachaturian at 248-925-7352

Armenian Sayings with illustrations (by Alexander Saroukhan), transliterations, and translations. If you never pay attention to what our sayings actually mean, these illustrations will certainly show you. If you have not heard these savings before, this is a great way to learn



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Best Wishes for a wonderful

Land of Noah's Ark Festival

Richard, Karmen & Christine Santourian

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Please send this form together with your \$50 postmarked by September 19, 2013 (payable to St John Armenian Church) to the following address:

St John Armenian Church 22001 Northwestern Hwy Southfield, MI 48075 ATTN: Texas Hold 'Em

For questions call: Steve Kalfayan (248) 788-0178

Where is the land of Noah's Ark?

There Were no Vowels In the original Hebrew, so the actual letters of the Biblical text, 'rrt' could be read 'aRaRaT', or uRaRTu', or Any other number of ways.

According to the Bible, the Ark came to rest <u>not</u> on *Mount* Ararat, but on the *mountains* of Ararat, or, more correctly translated, the mountains of Urartu.



Urartu, also called the Kingdom of Van, was a loose federation of tribes, living in the area near Lake Van, the Araxes River, and Mount Ararat (Mount Masis, in Armenian) at least as early as 1200 BC. Archaeologists have every reason to believe, however, that the mountains of

Ararat were the home of great peoples – from the very beginning of civilization.

When Noah came down from the Ark, he became a farmer, and planted the first vineyard.

Does that surprise us? Archaeologists have found evidence of the earliest wine production in this region.



Women's Guild

rmenian Basket

Raffle

This one is worth the chance

5.00 tickets

50/50 Raffle

Friday, Saturday and Sunday Winners 2-3 times a day pending ticket purchases

\$1.00 ticket

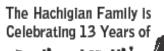
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Father Garabed Archpriest Kochakian, Pastor

44th Annual Festival September 20-29, 2013 Short Story about Noah

It is one of the oldest and one of the most familiar stories ever told, of Noah, the Ark and the Great Flood. Written down in the 8th Century before Christ and set about 5,000 years ago, the story is as alive as ever today.

We learn it as children, and Noah's Ark is one of the most popular subjects for toys and books and puzzles. The story is so embedded in our minds that the simplest drawing of the Ark needs no explanation.

We know that God was angry with mankind and planned to send a great flood to destroy all living things. But God took pity on Noah, and gave him very precise instructions:

Build an Ark of gopher wood, and get your family and select sets of animals on board with you. Then God sent the rain – forty days and forty nights of it. Water covered the mountains to a depth of more than twenty feet, and flooded the earth for 150 days. And every living creature God had made was wiped from the face of the earth. When the flood ended, the Ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat, and Noah, his Family and the animals survived to replenish the earth.

And God made a new covenant with man.



Interesting Facts About Noah and the Ark

How big Was the Ark? 300 cubits long, 50



cubits wide, and 30 cubits high. Size of 1 ½ football fields long.

How old was Noah? 600 years old when the flood began and he

lived 350 years after the flood. Genesis 9:28 and Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years..... he was nine hundred and fifty old when he died.



God gave directions for a floating ship, not a sailing ship. Noah received no instructions for a rudder.



Howlongdidittaketobuildtheark?Ittook120yearstobuildtheArk.buildthe

What does the rainbow mean? Genesis 9:13 I

have set my bow (rainbow) in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.



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Children's Basketball Clinic— Lisa Mardigian Museum Tour & Luncheon— Diane Ekizian Opening Night Dinner — Karmen Santourian Anna Baylerian, Isabelle Vahratian, Ardis Gregory Willy Wonka— Heidi Aprahamian Conversational Armenian— Anahid Toumajan Church Tour— Father Garabed Daycare—Kim Kalajian Kids' Activities—Ruth Pinto-Cieslak

Giving Back:

Health Fair— Greg Baise Red Cross Blood Drive— Ruth Pinto-Cieslak, Diane Khachaturian Forgotten Harvest— Roseann Attar (Church School)

Entertainment:

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Lord, Give me a sense of humor , give me the ability to understand a clean joke, to get some humor out of life, and to pass it on.

The day finally arrived. Forest Gump dies and goes to Heaven.

He is at the Pearly Gates, met by St. Peter himself. However, the gates are closed, and Forest approaches the gatekeeper.

St. Peter said, 'Well, Forest, it is certainly good to see you. We have heard a lot about you. I must tell you, though, that the place is filling up fast, and we have been administering an entrance examination for everyone. The test is short, but you have to pass it before you can get into Heaven.'

Forest responds, 'It sure is good to be here, St. Peter, sir. But nobody ever told me about any <u>entrance exam.</u> I sure hope the test ain't too hard. Lije was a big enough test as it was.'

St. Peter continued, 'Yes, I know, Forest, but the test is only three questions.

First: What two days of the week begin with the letter T?

Second: How many seconds are there in a year?

Third: What is God's first name?'

Forest leaves to think the questions over. He returns the next day and sees St. Peter, who waves him up, and says, 'Now that you have had a chance to think the questions over, tell me your answers.'

Forest replied, 'Well, the first one -- which two days in the week begins with the letter 'T'? Shucks, that one is easy. That would be Today and Tomorrow.'

The Saint's eyes opened wide and he exclaimed, 'Forest, that is not what I was thinking, but you do have a point, and I guess I did not specify, so I will give you credit for that answer. How about the next one?' asked St. Peter.

<u>'How many seconds in a year? Now that one is harder,' replied Forest, 'but I thunk and thunk about that, and I guess the only answer can be twelve.'</u>

Astounded, St. Peter said, <u>'Twelve? Twelve?</u> Forest, how in Heaven's name could you come up with <u>twelve seconds in a year</u> ? Forest replied, <u>'Shucks, there's got to</u> <u>be twelve: January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd...</u>

'Hold it, interrupts St. Peter. 'I see where you are going with this, and I see your point, though that was not guite what I had in mind....but I will have to give you credit for that one, too. Let us go on with the third and final guestion.

Can you tell me God's first name?? 'Sure,' Forest replied, it's <u>Andy.'</u> <u>'Andy?'</u> exclaimed an exasperated and frustrated St Peter. Ok, I can understand how you came up with your answers to my first two questions, but just how in the world did you come up with the name Andy as the first name of God?'

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'Shucks, that was the easiest one of all,' Forest replied. 'I learnt it from the song,

ANDY WALKS WITH ME, ANDY TALKS WITH ME, ANDY TELLS ME I AM HIS OWN.' St. Peter opened the Pearly Gates, and said: 'Run, Forest, run.'

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